

GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT (GED)/HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY PROGRAM (HSED)

The college offers support and programming for students to complete a General Education Development (GED), or a High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED). Instruction to prepare students for these tests is available on campus and at our outreach sites, and testing is conducted on a weekly basis during the academic year.

The first step to obtaining the GED/HSED is to start the process of enrolling in LCOOC. Once you have enrolled at the college you will meet with the GED/HSED Instructor who will assist you with completing the process. It is important to understand how the GED/HSED program works and the eligibility requirements.

The Wisconsin Department of Instruction is the official administrating agency that oversees all GED/HSED Instruction in the state of Wisconsin (<http://dpi.wi.gov/ged>). It is very important to understand the requirements of pursuing your GED/HSED

(http://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/ged/pdf/QandA_GED_062116_Q.pdf):

- What is the difference between the GED and the HSED?
 - The GED test consists of a battery of tests to measure competency in math, science, social studies, and language arts. Persons who pass only the GED test battery qualify for a GED certificate issued by the Department of Public Instruction.
 - Wisconsin's version has four additional subject areas and is called the HSED. It consists of the GED test battery as well as health, civic literacy, employability skills, and career awareness.
- Who is eligible to pursue a GED or HSED in Wisconsin?
 - A person must reside in Wisconsin for at least 10 days or be a migrant worker or the child of a migrant worker to be eligible for Wisconsin's High School Equivalency Diploma or Certificate of General Educational Development.
 - A person must also be at least 18.5 years of age or have proof that the class they entered 9th grade with has graduated. Youth 17 to 18.5 years of age may access the HSED only through an s.118.15 contract, a juvenile correctional facility, or the Challenge Academy.
- What is the cost?
 - Each test costs \$33.75 and the credential or transcript is \$15.00 each. There are several programs that may assist individuals with these fees.

All individuals who pursue their GED/HSED must create an account at MyGED (<https://ged.com/>). This is where all the official documents, study materials, practice tests, official tests, and test scores are maintained.